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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RICK LALONDE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:24-cv-01781-DSF-MBK

**JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO  
STIPULATION**

**PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED,  
ADJUDGED AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS:**

Judgment is entered in favor of Plaintiff Rick LaLonde and against Defendant Metropolitan Life Insurance in accordance with the Court's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law After Court Trial on the Administrative Record. Dkt. 34.

The Court found that, "on balance, the evidence weighs in LaLonde's favor, and he meets his burden of establishing his continued entitlement to LTD benefits. A preponderance of the evidence shows LaLonde's medical symptoms related to spondylolisthesis, lumbar region status post lumbar fusion, and chronic

1 pain render him disabled under the terms of the Plan.” Id. at 24. MetLife is  
2 ordered to reinstate LaLonde’s long-term disability benefits pursuant to the terms  
3 of the applicable employee welfare benefit plan and to pay LaLonde retroactive  
4 long-term disability benefits for the period of June 25, 2019 to May 7, 2025, in  
5 the total amount of \$257,276.80.

6 The Court awards prejudgment and post-judgment interest in favor of  
7 LaLonde in the amount of \$40,898.49.

8 Accordingly, the total judgment in favor of LaLonde, including interest, is  
9 \$298,175.29.

10 Counsel are ordered to meet and confer and attempt to resolve the issue of  
11 attorneys’ fees and costs no later than June 30, 2025. If no resolution is reached,  
12 LaLonde’s motion for attorneys’ fees must be filed no later than July 28, 2025, as  
13 outlined in the Court’s Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law After Court  
14 Trial on the Administrative Record. Dkt. 34.

15 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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17 DATED: June 25, 2025



Hon. Dale S. Fischer  
United States District Judge